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 Applicant: Kinoshita et al.
 Title: PRE-PAINT TREATMENT OF METAL AND PRODUCT THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following new paragraph beginning on a new line on page 1 immediately following the title:

A1 This application claims priority from International Application No. PCT/US00/24930, filed September 12, 2000, and published in English, and Japanese application H11-258,309, filed September 13, 1999.

Amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 on page 2 to read as follows:

A2 It has been discovered that a coating film possessing not only corrosion resistance but also superior adhesion can be formed by treating the surface of a metal material with an aqueous treatment agent that contains a specified resin, a silane coupling agent and fine particles with a particle size of 1.0 micrometer (hereinafter usually abbreviated as "μm") or smaller. This discovery led to the present invention.

Amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 on page 4 to read as follows:

A3 The non-volatiles content of component (b) preferably is at least, with increasing preference in the order given, 15, 18, 20, 22, or 24 percent by weight and independently